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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 18, 2004, for which a shortened statutory period for response of three months ends May 26, 2004, which period has been extended 2 months to expire on August 18, 2004, by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, Applicants hereby submit the following Amendment with the accompanying Remarks. Reconsideration of the application in view of the response is respectfully requested.

The Applicants submit that in view of the attached Certificate of Mailing, this response is timely.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 13 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 18 of this paper.